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Polysulphide Liquors Generated by Oxidation

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & 2<sup>nd</sup> INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

A second Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant in Form PTO/SB/08A/B is submitted here. The references were identified in the International Search Report of the counterpart PCT application and a copy of the International Search Report is also attached.

Copies of the references are submitted with the exception of US Patent 5,082,526 which has already been submitted with the first Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant.

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Entry of the Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

Please amend the application as follows

CLAIMS:

Please insert in the application new claims 15 to 18 hereinafter.

15. (NEW) A method according to claim 1 wherein said exposing is for 6 to 30 hours.

16. (NEW) A method according to claim 1 wherein said exposing is for 12 to 24 hours.

17. (NEW) A method according to claim 11 wherein step ii) is carried out for a time of 6 to 30 hours.

18. (NEW) A method according to claim 11 wherein step ii) is carried out for a time of 12 to 24 hours.

A clean copy of new claims 15 to 18 is attached in an Appendix.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are in the case.

New claims 15 to 18 are submitted directed to the preferred exposure times described at page 5, line 10 and supported by the Examples.

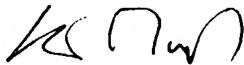
All the claims herein are believed to fully distinguish over the references known to the Applicant and comprising the references listed in the first

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Information Disclosure Statement in Form PTO/SB/08A/B previously submitted, and the Information Disclosure Statement in Form PTO/SB/08A/B submitted concurrently herewith, and which were identified in the International Search Report of the counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

Favourable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully,



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## **APPENDIX – CLEAN CLAIMS**

- 15. (NEW) A method according to claim 1 wherein said exposing is for 6 to 30 hours.
- 16. (NEW) A method according to claim 1 wherein said exposing is for 12 to 24 hours.
- 17. (NEW) A method according to claim 11 wherein step ii) is carried out for a time of 6 to 30 hours.
- 18. (NEW) A method according to claim 11 wherein step ii) is carried out for a time of 12 to 24 hours.

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